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SUBJ: SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMCONGEN KOBE OSAKA

1. SUMMARY: RSO TOKYO VISITED KOBE OSAKA 12/12-13/74.

BELOW ARE SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNTER POSSIBLE
TERRORIST ATTACKS.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. KOBE OFFICE:

1. RELOCATE ONE FSL TO LOBBY OF BUILDING TO ACT AS
RECEPTIONIST WHO CAN CONTROL ACCESS TO BUILDING. EQUIP
FRONT MAIN ENTRANCE WITH ELECTRIC RELEASE LOCK SO THAT
DOORS CAN REMAIN LOCKED AND BE OPENED REMOTELY BY RECEP-
TIONIST. DESK FOR RECEPTIONIST WILL HAVE TO BE DESIGNED
AND BUILT. DESK SHOULD HAVE SOME PROTECTION BUILT INTO
IT. THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY INSTALLING APPROXIMATELY
1/4 INCH STEEL PLATE IN FRONT OF DESK.

2. ALL OTHER ENTRANCES TO BUILDING WOULD HAVE TO BE
KEPT LOCKED AND ALL ROUTINE ACCESS WOULD BE THROUGH MAIN
DOOR.

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3. SECONDARY ALARM SYSTEM WITH DISTINCTIVE SOUND

SHOULD BE INSTALLED SO THAT BUILDING OCCUPANTS CAN BE WARNED OF EMERGENCY OTHER THAN FIRE.

4. DOOR TO CONGEN'S OFFICE SUITE SHOULD BE KEPT LOCKED AND CONTROLLED FROM INSIDE BY HIS AMERICAN SECRETARY BY MEANS OF ELECTRIC RELEASE LOCK. GLASS PANEL ON ONE SIDE OF SUITE DOOR SHOULD BE GRILLED. SUITE DOOR SHOULD BE REINFORCED. AMERICAN SECRETARY SHOULD BE POSITIONED SO THAT SHE CAN CONTROL THIS DOOR. FSL LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR WHO NOW HAS OFFICE IN THIS SUITE SHOULD BE RELOCATED PREFERABLY TO GROUND FLOOR.

5. EMERGENCY ESCAPE FOR MAIL ROOM AND ADMIN OFFICE SHOULD BE INSTALLED. THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY REDESIGNING ONE OF GLASS WINDOWS TO ALLOW FOR EXIT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. EMERGENCY ESCAPE FROM CONGEN'S SUITE SHOULD ALSO BE ESTABLISHED POSSIBLY WITH INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY ROPE LADDER PREPOSITIONED ON SECOND FLOOR BALCONY.

6. POST SHOULD UPGRADE LEVEL OF LIGHTING OF KOBE COMPOUND. LIGHTING SHOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT ILLUMINATION OF GROUNDS SO THAT INTRUDERS' PRESENCE IS IMMEDIATELY APPARENT. LIGHTING SHOULD BE INSTALLED SO THAT GROUNDS AND WALL ARE ILLUMINATED AND LIGHTING IS DIRECTED AWAY FROM BUILDING.

7. POST SHOULD LOCK OFF ALL SERVICE AREAS IN STAFF HOUSING BUILDING ON KOBE OFFICE COMPOUND.

B. OSAKA OFFICE:

1. FRONT DOOR OF OFFICE SHOULD BE KEPT LOCKED AND CONTROLLED BY RECEPTIONIST WHO SHOULD BE ASSIGNED FROM PRESENT FSL STAFF TO MAN ALREADY INSTALLED RECEPTIONIST DESK. RECEPTIONISTS DESK SHOULD BE REINFORCED POSSIBLY WITH INSTALLATION OF 1/4 INCH STEEL PLATE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR RECEPTIONIST.

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SHOULD BE INSTALLED. ALARM SHOULD ALSO RING OR BE ABLE TO BE ACTIVATED FROM AMERICAN CENTER LOCATED SEVERAL FLOORS BELOW IN THIS COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION BETWEEN THESE OFFICES OF ANY EMERGENCY.

3. UNATTENDED AREAS AT FRONT OF OFFICE WHERE TRADE CENTER LOCATED SHOULD BE KEPT LOCKED, E.G., VAULT AREA,

ETC.

4. DOOR SHOULD BE INSTALLED BETWEEN CONSUL GENERAL'S OFFICE AND STORAGE ROOM SO THAT HE HAS DIRECT ACCESS TO REAR EMERGENCY EXIT.

5. DOOR FROM TRADE EXHIBIT AREA AT FRONT OF OFFICE SPACE TO CONGEN OFFICE WORK AREA SHOULD BE REINFORCED AND KEPT LOCKED BUT CONTROLLED WITH ELECTRIC RELEASE LOCK. LOUVERED DOOR FROM TRADE EXHIBIT AREA TO OFFICE WORK AREA SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH STURDIER DOOR AND EQUIPPED WITH DEADBOLT ON INSIDE.

6. FIRE CRASH BAR SHOULD BE PROCURED AND INSTALLED ON DOOR FROM CG WORK AREA TO REAR STAIRWELL WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR EMERGENCY ESCAPE. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR QUICK EXIT. NOW LOCKS MUST BE UNLOCKED BEFORE EXIT IS POSSIBLE. PROCEDURES WOULD HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THAT AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS THESE DOORS WOULD BE LOCKED.

7. POST MAY WANT TO CONSIDER INSTALLING DOOR BETWEEN OFFICE OF AMERICAN LOCATED IN TRADE EXHIBIT AREA. HE WOULD BE ONLY AMERICAN WORKING IN FRONT OF SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE WHICH WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IF ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS CARRIED OUT. IF DOOR IS INSTALLED IT SHOULD BE SOLID AND EQUIPPED WITH DEADBOLT ON INSIDE. DEADBOLT WOULD BE KEPT OPEN ROUTINELY AND ONLY SECURED SHOULD IT BE USED FOR EMERGENCY ESCAPE. DOOR SHOULD ALSO BE EQUIPPED WITH SIMPLEX LOCK TO DENY ROUTINE ACCESS BUT AFFORD THIS OFFICER RELATIVELY QUICK ENTRY IN EMERGENCY.

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C. CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE:

1. PRESENT FENCING IS IN BAD REPAIR AND CONSIDERED INADEQUATE. POST SHOULD CONSIDER REPLACING FENCE WITH NEW CYCLONE TYPE FENCING. ONE ROOM ON SECOND FLOOR OF CG'S RESIDENCE WHERE THERE IS A TELEPHONE SHOULD BE RE-INFORCED SO THAT FAMILY MEMBERS CAN GATHER HERE SHOULD AN EMERGENCY DEVELOP. ROOM CAN BE REINFORCED BY STRENGTHENING DOOR AND INSTALLING GOOD SECURITY DEADBOLT ON INSIDE. EMERGENCY ESCAPE LADDER SHOULD BE PROCURED AND STORED IN THIS ROOM SO THAT FAMILY CAN GET OUT OF RESIDENCE IN CASE OF FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY.

D. RESIDENCES OF OTHER AMERICAN EMPLOYEES:

RSO INSPECTED ALL RESIDENCES OCCUPIED BY AMERICAN PERSONNEL. WHILE IT IS FELT THAT LEVEL OF SECURITY CANNOT BE IMPROVED MUCH, POST SHOULD ENSURE THAT EACH RESIDENCE HAS SUFFICIENT MULTI PURPOSE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, MEANS OF EMERGENCY ESCAPE, AND ADEQUATE LIGHTING.

3. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT IN OFFICE AREAS AND RESIDENCES IS CONSIDERED INADEQUATE AND SHOULD BE UPGRADED WITH MORE MEDIUM SIZED MULTI PURPOSE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

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4. ALL ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSED WITH CONSUL GENERAL WHO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE. RSO DID NOT DISCUSS WITH CG HAVING MACE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY AMERICAN PERSONNEL. RSO FEELS THIS MAY BE IDEAL WEAPON TO COUNTER MOST TYPES OF ASSAULTS IN JAPAN WHICH NORMALLY DO NOT INVOLVE FIRE-ARMS. DEPT. PRESENTLY PLANS TO PROVIDE 11 MACE UNITS FOR KOBE/OSAKA. RSO RECOMMENDS THIS FIGURE BE UPGRADED TO ALLOW EACH AMERICAN TO HAVE ONE UNIT IN OFFICE AND ONE IN HOME.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. 1. BY POST: CARRY OUT ABOVE RECOMMENDATION TELEGRAPHICALLY REQUESTING ANY NEEDED FUNDS FROM DEPT. THROUGH B&F SECTION AMEMEBASSY TOKYO.

2. ADVISE IF CONGEN WANTS RSO TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL MACE UNITS FROM DEPT.

B. BY RTC HONG KONG: ADVISE POST AND RSO ASAP WHAT LOCKS
RTC CAN PROVIDE PER RECOMMENDATIONS CITED ABOVE. ALSO,
WOULD APPRECIATE OIC/RTC'S COMMENTS ON WHAT ASSISTANCE
RTC MIGHT PROVIDE IN INSTALLING THESE LOCKS.

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